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**Got news?**

The U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca Public Affairs Office is sponsoring a Stringer Course to train the post's military and civilian employees on successfully providing command information to *The Fort Huachuca Scout* newspaper and the Public Affairs Office.

Commands, directorates and partners interested in getting the news out on post and to local communities are encouraged to send representatives.

Topics covered during the course include the elements of news, feature writing, military etiquette, hometown news releases, sports writing, photo composition, radio options, stylebook highlights, local television, interviewing techniques and community relations.

The Stringer Course is set for 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Oct. 5 and 6 in the Quality Training Center, Classroom 4 (off Christy Avenue). There is no cost for the course.

Civilians providing a completed DD Form 1556 will obtain training credit. Military will receive a certificate of completion at the close of the course.

Seating is limited. For reservations, call Ginny Sciarrino at 533-1285 by close of business Oct. 2.

**OCSC monthly lunch**

The Fort Huachuca Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will have the first monthly luncheon of the year on Wednesday. The program will feature "Merchant Bingo," all the game prizes have been donated by local businesses.

The menu is a salad and potato bar costing \$8 per person. For reservations, call 458-7664 by noon, Friday.

# Brown bear treed at Quarters #1

*By Stan Williamson  
 Scout Staff*

A large male brown bear was treed by the military police Tuesday at 3:30 a.m., after a short pursuit around Brown Parade field, starting a 15 and a half-hour ordeal for man and beast alike.

An MP patrol spotted the 250-300 pound animal in the vicinity of the main MP Station knocking over trashcans. The bear turned and lumbered up the street just ahead of the pursuing MPs, until it reached the home of Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. Bounding over the curb and across the general's front lawn, the massive creature reached an old and very tall cottonwood tree, which it climbed very quickly.

Once it was safely up the tree, a long game of waiting began between the furry tree dweller and the homo sapians on the ground.

Sheridan Stone, a wildlife biologist with the Directorate of Installation Support, was called in to help with the situation and two Animal Control officers from the Sierra Vista Police Department, Bob Frankenfield and W. Kaiser, arrived and offered their assistance.

At approximately 7:30 a.m., DIS employees towed a bear trap into position behind Quarters #1. The plan was simple. Everyone would leave the area and leave the bear alone. The idea was for the bear to eventually climb down from the tree on its own and hopefully, go after the food



Photo by Stan Williamson

**A 250-300 pound bear became quite famous Tuesday when it climbed a cottonwood tree in front of the home of Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, USAIC&FH.**

used as bait in the bear trap.

Animal specialists believe this bear came down from the surrounding mountains in search of food. Although there has been a fairly good monsoon season in parts of the state, the fact remains, it has not been enough in some areas.

In the mountains, rainfall has been less and the rains came late this year, resulting in a late or nonexistent growing sea-

son for many plants that are a source of food for wildlife. The shortage of food in the mountains causes the wildlife to come down to the more populated areas and often this results in confrontations between man and beast.

Throughout the day periodic reports on the status of the bear were made, i.e.

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# Article 32 scheduled for Johnston desertion case

*By Tanja M. Linton  
 Media Relations Officer*

The Article 32 investigation for a soldier facing desertion charges is scheduled to take Thursday, Sept. 14 at 8 a.m. in the courtroom in Greely Hall.

Pfc. John S. Johnston disappeared July 2 at Lake Patagonia and was later sighted in Utah and brought back to face charges at Fort Huachuca Aug. 17.

Johnston faces a charge of desertion (Article 85 of the Uniformed Code of Military Justice) and conspiracy to desert (Article 81 of UCMJ).

Normally the maximum punishment for desertion is two years, however, when the desertion is terminated by apprehension, the

maximum punishment is three years. The maximum punishment for conspiracy to desert is two years.

Total maximum punishment is five years confinement, dishonorable discharge, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and reduction in rank to private.

Under the UCMJ, the Article 32 investigation is a right that an accused has before the government can refer his case to a general court-martial.

At the Article 32, the accused has the right to be present during the entire proceeding. He has a right to have a lawyer represent him at the proceeding. He has a right to call witnesses and present evidence, and he has the right to question witnesses under oath.

# The Scout’s Chaplain

Chapel Church Services on Fort Huachuca

**Protestant**

**Sunday Services**

- 8 a.m. Episcopal, Main Post Chapel
- 8 a.m. Protestant, Kino Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Gospel, Kino Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Protestant, MI Village
- 11 a.m. Protestant, Main Post Chapel
- 11 a.m. Lutheran, MI Village
- 1:30 p.m. Hispanic, Main Post Chapel

**Catholic**

**Weekday Mass**

- 11:30 a.m. Daily Mass, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Saturday Mass**

- 5 p.m. Mass (Vigil), Main Post Chapel

**Sunday Mass**

- 8 a.m. MI Village
- 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Kino Chapel

**Jewish**

- 7 p.m. 1st & 3rd Fridays, Main Post Chapel

**Eastern Orthodox**

- 10 a.m. 2nd Saturday, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Muslim**

- 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Daily Prayer
- Main Post Chapel, Room 24

**Religious Education**

**Catholic CCD**

- 10:45-11:45 a.m. Sundays

**Catholic Sacramental**

See DRE (533-4598)

**Protestant Sunday School**

9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays, Main Post Chapel

**Gospel Sunday School**

8-9 a.m. Murr Community Center

**Episcopal Children’s Church**

8-9 a.m. Main Post Chapel

**Episcopal Confirmation Class**

9:30-10:30 a.m. Sundays

**Bible Studies**

See DRE (533-4598)

**Youth Programs**

**Protestant Jr. & High School**

**Student Ministries**

6 p.m. Wednesdays, Main Post Chapel, 459-8339

**Catholic Life Teen**

For schedule, call 803-1750


**Children’s Programs**

**Pioneer Clubs (1st-6th Grade)**

6:30 p.m. Mondays, Main Post Chapel, 533-4598

**Unit Chaplains**

111th MI Bde.	533-8774
305th MI Bn.	533-6731/6732
309th MI Bn.	533-8894
306th MI Bn.	533-3326/5889
304th MI Bn.	533-6570
Army Signal Command	538-7379
11th Sig. Bde.	533-2388/9507
40th Sig. Bn.	533-2345/9509
86th Sig. Bn.	533-2345/9508
504th Sig. Bn.	533-1246/1259



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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION


SUBJECT: POLICY – Fort Huachuca Drinking Age

1. Effective 15 September 2000, no person under the age of 21 years is authorized to purchase, consume, or possess alcoholic beverages at Fort Huachuca. Additionally, while at Fort Huachuca, no person will sell, dispense, or serve alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21 years. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, applicable civilian personnel regulations, or federal law.

2. Consistent with regulatory authority, military personnel apprehended for alcohol related offenses should be evaluated for administrative and/or punitive action, as their conduct may warrant. Additionally, I expect all leaders to caution our military and civilian personnel about the extremely adverse repercussions of driving while under the influence of alcohol, either on- or off-post.

3. This policy is consistent with Arizona State Law and supports my efforts to enhance the overall quality of life and safety of all personnel at Fort Huachuca.

4. This memorandum supersedes policy memorandum, ATZS-CG, dated 7 Jul 1997, Subject: Policy – Drinking Age for Military Personnel.



JOHN D. THOMAS JR.  
Major General, USA  
Commanding

# Commentary

By Maj. Daniel T. Williams  
USAIC&FH PAO

Recently my children have watched a cartoon on Saturday mornings called “Rescue Heroes.” This is a benign show about several characters that do good deeds and generally save the world from some catastrophe in a half-hour.

The thought of this program, as I watched it with them, brought to mind something I was taught many years ago. I had been told or read in a book once that everyone should have a hero.

In picking a hero there are two specific things to look for.

First, it should be someone who is no longer living. Why? Mainly because the person has made all the mistakes they are going to make and you can honestly base your decision on their entire life.

Second, it should be someone you look up to, for obvious reasons.

I chose my hero based on these two factors. My hero is my father and he fits both of these categories.

My father, as I mentioned last week, had some character flaws too. He, as all of us do, chose unwisely on occasions. However, the overwhelming evidence proved to me that I could always trust his judgement to be fair, impartial, and based on principles.

My father based his actions on his convictions. First, he believed in loving and accepting people just as they are. He knew he could not change a person’s heart, only God can do that.

Second, he believed that what was right was never wrong. In other words, if he had a conviction of taking an action that was right, no amount of discourse, debate, or convincing would make it wrong. Daddy never

# Who’s your hero?

changed his mind without good, solid evidence that he or his conviction was wrong.

I have many other examples but I will end at this. My father loved me no matter how undeserving I was of his love.

I will always remember my father disciplining me. Not because it was so difficult, though they were. My memory of the discipline I received was what my father would do when we were reconciled and the discipline was finished.

My father would seek me out, come over to me (and believe me, I tried not to be seen) pick me up in his arms, give me a big hug and tell me, “Daniel, I love you.”

This is why my father is my hero. I knew he loved me and he showed me his love in very tangible ways.

Now, my question to you is who is your hero?

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# Ceremony honors SAMC inductees, awardee

By Stan Williamson  
Scout Staff

Two noncommissioned officers were inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club, Friday, during a ceremony at Greely Hall.

Joining the ranks of SAMC members were Sgt. 1st Class Anthony D. Whitney, B Company, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion and Sgt. Jack B. Sadler, 69th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion.

During the ceremony, Joni Bergey-Wegner was presented the Dr. Mary E. Walker award.

### Audie Leon Murphy

Audie Leon Murphy was proclaimed as a legend in his own time. He was a war hero, movie actor, writer of Country western songs, and a poet. His biography reads more like fiction than fact. He lived only 46 years, yet he made a lasting imprint on American History.

Murphy was born on a sharecropper farm in North Texas on June 20, 1924. As a boy he chopped cotton for \$1 a day and was noted for his feats of derring-do and for his accuracy with a gun. He had only five years of schooling and was orphaned at sixteen.

After being refused enlistment in both the Marines and the Paratroopers for being too small (5'5") and underweight



Photo by Stan Williamson

**The new inductees into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club are (from left) Sgt. 1st Class Anthony D. Whitney, B Company, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion and Sgt. Jack B. Sadler, 69th Signal Company, 504th Signal Battalion. During the induction ceremony, Joni Bergey-Wegner was presented the Dr. Mary E. Walker award.**

(110 lbs), he enlisted in the U.S. Army a few days after his 18th birthday. After basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas and advanced training at Fort Meade, Md., Murphy was

sent overseas where he joined the 15th Infantry Div. While with the 15th Inf. Div., he fought in major campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany. He earned a battlefield commission for his courage and leadership ability. Murphy spent some 400 days in the front lines and earned 33 military awards, citations, and decorations, including every medal for valor that America gives as well as three French and one Belgian medal.

At the end of World War II, Lieutenant Audie Murphy was the highest decorated soldier in American History.

Murphy was discharged from the Army in Sept. 1945. He went to Hollywood at the invitation of movie star James Cagney, and remained in California for the rest of his life, where he was closely associated with the movie industry, both as an actor and as a producer.

He acted in 44 films starring in 39 of them. His best known film was "To Hell and Back", adapted from the best selling book of his war experiences by the same name. Most of his movies, however, were westerns. Audie Murphy was voted the most popular western actor in America in 1955 by the motion picture exhibitors.

In 1950 Murphy joined the 36th Infantry Division ("T-Patchers") of the Texas National Guard and served with it

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# Advance fee loans may be ‘guaranteed’ scam for consumer

By 1st Lt. Ben Kinsley  
Legal Assistance Office

Advance fee loans are loans that require the consumer to pay a fee up front. These loans often "guarantee" that the consumer will get a loan regardless of his or her credit history.

Unfortunately, this "guarantee" doesn't always work out and there is no way to recover the fee.

Loan scams can be distinguished from legitimate credit loans. Generally the scams require fees to be paid up front to

the person or agency arranging the credit rather than the actual lender.

Legitimate credit loans may require some fees for the loan application, credit report or appraisal, but never before the lender has been identified and the application completed.

Advance fee loan advertisements may appear in your local newspaper, in magazines, on the Internet, through the mail and on radio or TV. The advertisements often feature "900" numbers which may result in high charges on your phone bill.

Here are some key points to keep in mind before you respond to any ads that promise easy credit:

— Legitimate lenders normally do not "guarantee" a loan in their advertisements.

— Never give your credit card numbers, bank account information, social security numbers, or other personal information over the phone unless you are familiar with and trust the company. Also be sure that you know the reason they are requesting the information.

— Don't pay anything for a "guaran-

teed" loan unless you have the offer confirmed in writing. In other words, don't pay for a promise.

If you think you are a victim of an advance fee loan scam, contact the legal assistance office, your local Better Business Bureau or the State Attorney General.

If you have any questions about your rights as a consumer or need other legal assistance, call the Fort Huachuca Legal Assistance Office for an appointment at 533-2009. Legal advice will not be given over the phone.

# Former POWs, MIAs to be honored

By Tanja M. Linton  
Media Relations Officer

"Voices from Behind the Wire" is the theme for this year's Prisoner of War and Missing in Action recognition on post. A luncheon will be held Sept. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at LaHacienda.

The recognition begins with a "missing man table and honors" ceremony in remembrance of members of each service, as well as civilians serving the military who are still missing in action, who are unable to be with their comrades in arms.

A display of all those listed MIA will be present. This display will include lists by name and state of those still MIA from the Korean War, Cold War, and Vietnam conflict. There will be a listing of persons still missing from the World Wars. A display and explanation of the MIA bracelets, made popular during the Vietnam conflict, will also be present.

The program consists of a series of vignettes read by service members of those still MIA and former POWs, some of whom will be present at the luncheon. The purpose of the vignettes is for attendees to



get to know the men who are still MIA and who have served "behind the wire" as POWs.

The program will end with a moment of silence for missing comrades in arms. Certificate commemorating their sacrifice will be given to those former POW and family members of MIA who are present following the recognition ceremony.

The public is invited to attend this post-wide event. The cost of the lunch is \$7.00 per person for a German buffet.

Contact Chaplain Dennis Nitschke at 538-7379 or the main post chapel at 533-4748 for tickets and other information.

## Kudos Korrer

### MEDDAC honors own

MEDDAC named Sgt. Naveed Chaudry, 75B personnel administrator, as its September Noncommissioned Officer of the Month.

Chaudry has recently reported from Fort Sill and is currently preparing for his E-6 board in October. He plans on submitting his drill sergeant application soon afterwards and is a GAFFB candi-

date at this time.

Congratulations are also in order for MEDDAC's Primary Leadership Development Course graduates: Sgt. Selina Jeanise, 91B medic; and Sgt. Daniel Noffsinger, 91B.

Noffsinger was the Distinguished Honor Graduate as well as the Iron Soldier awardee for achieving the highest PLDC score among his peers.

# Post's August water use shows slight increase

By Tanja M. Linton  
Media Relations Officer

The water pumpage for August is 50,987,000 gallons or 156 acre feet and is equivalent to 1.6 million gallons per day. The August 2000 pumpage is 1.9 percent more than that pumped in August 1999 (153 acre feet), however, it is 31.3 percent less than the 18-year (1982-1999) August average (227 acre feet).

Post officials attribute the slight increase to late August fire fighting activi-

ties, water leaks and landscaping projects at the new 11th Signal Brigade barracks.

Total water pumped year to date (January-August 2000: 1,290 acre feet) is 4.4 percent less than that pumped in 1999 (1,349 acre feet).

Treated effluent reuse for August was 35.4 acre feet. This is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer (a water and energy savings), to irrigate the golf course, Chaffee Parade Field and MI Village.

# Hispanic Heritage Month

## Post plans events to educate community about Hispanic heritage

### EO release

September is Hispanic Heritage Month. This year's national theme is "Education in the New Millennium."

Fort Huachuca's Equal Opportunity office has several events planned throughout the month, focusing on educating the community about Hispanics.

The month's opening event on Sept. 5,

was the dedication of the Salvador Sepulveda Historical Interpretation Facility. Sepulveda was a highly respected Hispanic cobbler on Fort Huachuca in the early 1900s.

Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Fort Huachuca, and Salvador Sepulveda Jr. provided educational insight

into the many contributions the Hispanic community has made to Arizona and Fort Huachuca.

The Hispanic heritage celebrations will continue Sept. 15-17 at the Fun Festival.

The post Military EO office will have a booth with educational games where a little basketball talent and knowledge of several Hispanic categories can reap prizes for the

entire family. Drawings for special souvenirs will be held daily.

Saturday night a Mariachi group "Cielode Mexico" will perform from 7 to 9 p.m., and the Tucson-based Latino rock group "Primo" will perform from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Fun Festival.

The educational games and entertainment are both free and open to the public.

## Fort Huachuca names historical interpretive facility after Hispanic shoemaker

By Ginny Sciarrino

Community Relations Officer

On Sept. 5, Building 22330 on Christy Avenue was dedicated in honor of Salvador Sepulveda. Who was Salvador Sepulveda? And what contribution did he make to this post that a building was named after him?

Sepulveda was one of the millions of Americans who helped weave the strong fabric that today makes this nation great. We owe people like Sepulveda; our parents, grandparents and great-grand parents a great deal of thanks for the lifestyle that we as Americans enjoy. Like Sepulveda, they were born in countries around the world and made their way to America.

The lives of Sepulveda and his family are intertwined with the local history and growth of this nation. As Shakespeare said, "there is history in all men's lives."

Sepulveda was born in San Buena Ventura, Chichuahua, Mexico in 1895. He met general John Pershing in Chichuahua, Mexico while the U.S. Army was pursuing Pancho Villa. Knowing the terrain well, Sepulveda was often consulted by Pershing in his pursuit of Pancho Villa.

In 1919, due to the pressure from the Villistas, Sepulveda began a new life in the United States. The Sepulveda family lived in Bisbee for a few years and then moved to Fort Huachuca in the late '20s. They lived here until the closing of the post in 1947.

Pershing gave Sepulveda a letter of recommendation and assisted him in gaining employment at Fort Huachuca. In 1920, Sepulveda was granted a concession for shoe sales and repair on the post.

Sepulveda met his wife Rosa Rivera in 1921 while watching a parade on the parade grounds near his shop. They were married in the county courthouse in tombstone in 1921.

The Sepulveda family was on post when the kerosene and candles that lit the homes on Fort Huachuca gave way to electricity on Huachuca Hill where Apaches still rode on patrol and lived in teepees.

Sepulveda's contribution to the strong fabric of the United States of America is evident when you learn that he and his wife Rosa raised 11 children who grew up and became contributing members of this nation. His sons were in the armed forces of the United States. They served in the Navy in the South Pacific during WWII, with the 11th Airborne Division and fought with the Army in the Battle of the Bulge during WWII. His other children managed a card and

gift shop, became an account executive with ITT, worked for an electronics firm, owned a construction company, and became a teacher of special education.

All 11 of his children were schooled on Fort Huachuca and at Tombstone High School. The children attended a two-room school on post heated by a potbelly stove. The school stood at the corner of Grierson and Adair Streets on Brown Parade Field.

Sepulveda not only took care of his family, he was aware of the needs of those around him. As benefactor to the Mexican-American families, who lived on Fort Huachuca or in Fry, he assisted them during difficult times. He brought shoes, clothes and food to the camps of the wood cutters in Garden Sanyon and to their families. Because of his leadership and generosity among the local Mexican-Americans he was known as "Don Salvador."

Sepulveda became a "flag waving" American. He never missed voting at any election. He sponsored local baseball teams for boys before there was even what we call today a Little League. He took the boys to play in Agua Prieta, Bisbee, Naco, Nogales and Patagonia.

Sepulveda was the post shoemaker from 1919 until the closing of the post in 1947. For nearly 30 years Sepulveda, known for his expert skill, was the choice of military men who new the value of well fitted footwear. The building he worked in, Building 22330 on Christy Avenue, was dedicated last week in his honor.

The Sepulveda Building will be put to good use as a historical interpretation facility. It will house artifacts depicting the historical development of Fort Huachuca, from the perspective of contributions made



Photo by Maj. Daniel T. Williams

**Jim Chambers, welcomed Salvador Sepulveda Jr. (right) and his family to the dedication of the Salvador Sepulveda Historical Interpretation Facility named after his father, a prominent Hispanic cobbler on Fort Huachuca.**

by the many ethnic groups contributing to its growth.

A nation is only as good as the people who each day make it what it is. Citizens such as Sepulveda who deliver the mail, repair the roads, fix computers and bake the bread. You know them. You see them everyday. You are one of them.

The fabric of our nation is woven by people such as these people. Salvador Sepulveda represents these citizens who on a daily basis did what was necessary to support their families.

And in doing so strengthened their newly adopted country.

Our country is the great success it is because of these people. The dedication of the Sepulveda Building celebrates, not only the shoemaker who made boots for the soldiers of Fort Huachuca but, all Americans. Americans who each day do their best and set the standard for the next generation.

Sepulveda made a difference, not only to the people of Fort Huachuca but to his adopted nation as a whole. And that is why a building was dedicated to this man. A man who represents all who came before us and did their best to make the world a better place.

In honor of their quiet dedication and perseverance, we salute all the Salvadore Sepulveda's from around the world who came to this country and gave it their best!



# Community Updates

### CFC seeks personal stories

The Combined Federal Campaign 2000 for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will be Monday - Oct. 30. Each year, millions of people, thousands of them being federal employees, are helped by the charitable organizations that receive contributions through CFC.

This year we are currently seeking individuals that have been personally helped through the services provided by a CFC supported charity. Such charities include the United Way, Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the Food Bank, to name a few.

If you have a personal story that you would like to share, please contact the CFC Coordinator at 538-6919 or email [melissa.crofton@hqasc.army.mil](mailto:melissa.crofton@hqasc.army.mil).

### TMAC meets at BFH

The Thunder Mountain Aquatic Club Swim Team meets week nights (except Thursdays) from 6 to 8 p.m. at Barnes Field House. For more information, call Mike or Debbie McNett at 417-9465, or click on [www.geocities.com/svtmac/](http://www.geocities.com/svtmac/).

### CFC Keyworker training

The Combined Federal Campaign 2000 for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County is Sept. 18 - Oct. 30. A make-up training session for unit representatives and Keyworkers will take place 1-3 p.m., today, in the Greely Hall auditorium.

For information or to sign up for the training session, call Capt. Melissa Crofton 538-6919.

### DOIM classes set

The Directorate of Information Management is sponsoring the following computer courses for the month of September: Intermediate Access, today; Advanced Access, Friday; and Microsoft Project, Sept. 25.

These courses are free and are offered to all active duty/reserve military personnel and their spouses, civilians and contractors employed on Fort Huachuca.

For more information, call Erica Rigdon at 533-2868.

### Sibshop scheduled

Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona will sponsor a Sibshop workshop 10 a.m. -1 p.m. Saturday at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, 3020 Tacoma St., Sierra Vista.

The workshop provides siblings of special needs children the opportunity to meet other siblings in a relaxed setting to discuss common joys and concerns. For information, call Sylvia Verdugo at (520) 321-1878.

### Saturday testing

The Army Education Center will offer Saturday testing on Sept. 16, Oct. 21

and Nov 18. See an Army Education counselor for an appointment slip no later than two days prior to the test date.

For information, call Marilyn Copeland at 533-1701.

### 8th annual Volksmarch

The Thunder Mountain Trekkers will host the 8th Annual Sierra Vista September Volksmarch on Saturday and Sunday. This internationally sanctioned walking event will feature a 5 and 10 kilometer high desert trail. The start/finish point will be The Mall at Sierra Vista (northeast corner, Avenida Cochise and Highway 92). A distinctive pewter medal depicting Texas John Slaughter is the event award.

For information, call Wendy or Dave Breen at 378-1763.

### CFC luncheon set

The 2000 Combined Federal Campaign will run Monday-Oct. 31. Every year, the CFC provides an opportunity for all federal employees to donate money to their favorite charities.

The public is invited to the 2000 Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff Luncheon on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the LakeSide Activity Center. Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, will be the guest speaker. The menu will be a South of the Border Mexican Buffet.

Tickets are \$7.50. Contact your unit coordinator or call 538-6919.

### USAWOA meets

The U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association (Arizona Silver Chapter) hosts their monthly meeting Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at La Hacienda Club, Fort Huachuca. This month's guest speaker is Western Regional Director, retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Joe Gill.

Monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. Active, retired, Reserve, and National Guard military personnel are welcome, need not be a member to attend.

For information, call Chief Warrant Officer 2, Thomas Olson at 533-3077.

### Veterans' benefits briefing

The Army Career and Alumni Program Center staff will sponsor Veterans' Affairs Benefits Briefings at the ACAP Center, Building 22420, 8 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 8, and Dec. 1.

Representatives from the Phoenix VA Regional Office and the Tucson Veterans' Center will be present to provide information about all VA benefits. No reservations necessary. For information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

### Mandatory ethics training

All Department of Defense personnel required to file a Financial Disclosure Re-



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port are required to attend ethics training annually. All new employees are required to receive this training within 30 days of entering on duty. Training sessions will be held from 10-11 a.m. in Room 1215, Greely Hall, on Sept. 21.

Financial Disclosure Report filers are required to attend only one training session per calendar year. For information, call Tom King at 533-3197.

### Clinics closed

RWBAHC clinics will close at noon on Sept. 22 to celebrate Organization Day. The pharmacy will be open all day, regular operating hours. Prime Time Clinic will open at noon.

To schedule appointments, call 533-9200.

### 25th Intelligence Ball

Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence and Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence & Security Command, will host the 25th Anniversary Army Intelligence Ball on Sept. 25.

The Ball will be held at the Hilton Alexandria at Mark Center, in Alexandria, Va. from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Army String Quartet and the U.S. Army Chorale will perform during the evening. After dinner, a band will provide dance music.

For more information and to order tickets, visit [www.dami.army.pentagon.mil](http://www.dami.army.pentagon.mil) or call Lt. Col. Jo-Ann Webber at (703) 604-2415.

### Giving Tree rummage sale

A Giving Tree Tailgate Rummage Sale

is set for Sept. 30 from 6-11 a.m. in the Main Post Exchange parking lot. A \$5 donation is requested for each vendor space.

For more information, call Deborah Williams at 803-7776, or Jo Moore at 533-5559.

### Adopt a Greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will conduct a Greyhound Adoption Day on Sept. 30 for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The adoption day will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bookman's Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd. The program is also in need of temporary homes for these beautiful dogs.

For more information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

### Pro officer development

Both Phase I and Phase III of the Command, General Staff Officers' Course are being offered at Fort Huachuca. The classes start in October and will be held one weekend each month.

The classroom option has numerous advantages over the correspondence version, including: both a higher graduation rate and higher grade average; workload sharing and interaction with active and reserve component students; fewer written requirements and examinations; professional and structured learning environment; and instructor support.

For enrollment information, call Rick Meador at 538-5099 or 456-8977.

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# School News

## Fort schools welcome new, returning teachers, students

### *Accommodation Schools release*

#### **Col. Johnston Elementary School**

We want to welcome returning and new students to our school. We have a number of new additions to our staff this year. We'd like to welcome John Penagos, Ida Pedrego, Becky Bieranowsky, Gilbert Armenta, Amy LoGalbo, Jennifer Thomas, Milagos Rivera, Latica Williams, Sherry Kenyon, Cindy Bray, Elaine Clem, Dawn Jones, Elizabeth Ramirez, Kari Roberts.

Panagos, speech pathologist, comes to us from Hawaii by way of Saudi Arabia and Detroit. He was a former consultant to the World Health Organization, Academic Chair at Wayne State University, lecturer on linguistics and pho-

netics, and has written numerous articles and papers on language disorders in children.

Pedrego, counselor, is a native Arizonian. She received her bachelor's of education from the University of Arizona and a Masters in Guidance counseling from Western New Mexico University. Pedrego is also a certified classroom teacher with an English as a Second Language endorsement. Pedrego strongly believes in working cooperatively with parents, teachers, and students to enable all students to succeed.

Armenta, 2nd grade teacher, started his teaching career at Village Meadows Elementary School before joining the Peace Corps. He received a master's degree with emphasis on early childhood development and reading and language from Columbia University. He taught at the International

School of Choueifat, Cairo before joining us here at Col. Johnston Elementary. Incidentally, Armenta actually attended school at Col. Johnston when his parents were stationed at Fort Huachuca.

Our first few weeks have been busy with orientation of students, staff, and parents. Many parent volunteers have already been busy both in the classroom and at the traffic circle during drop off and pick up times.

We plan to start our after-school sports program Monday and look forward to a great student turnout.

Our Behavior Coach, Karen Nieto, has started a new program this year. The last Friday of every month the school

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## U.S. Coast Guard Academy currently accepting applications

### *USCGA release*

The United States Coast Guard Academy is now accepting and processing applications to the Class of 2005. Appointments are tendered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition with no congressional nominations or geographical quotas.

Applications must be submitted to the Director of Admissions prior to Dec. 15. Candidates must arrange to participate in either the SAT I or ACT prior to or including the December 2000 administration.

Appointments are based on the candidate's high school record, perfor-

mance on either the SAT I or ACT, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school activities, community service and part-time employment.

Most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school class and have demonstrated proficiency in both mathematical and applied science.

Candidates must be unmarried at the time of the appointment, have no legal obligations, and must have reached the age of 17 but not 23 by July 1, 2001. Candidates must be assured of high school graduation by June 30, 2001.

Coast Guard cadets obtain an excellent undergraduate education at no personal expense. In addition, they receive pay and allowances for living expenses.

The academy curriculum emphasizes engineering and science, leads to a bachelor of science degree, and establishes a solid foundation for a challenging career. Graduates of the academy are commissioned as ensigns in the United States Coast Guard.

The academy graduate can look forward to a varied, exciting and demanding career as a regular Coast Guard Officer. Under the Department of Transportation,

the Coast Guard performs a variety of missions including search and rescue, maintenance of aids to navigation around the globe, operation of icebreakers, enforcement of maritime law, boating safety and marine environmental protection.

Selected officers may pursue further postgraduate education in such fields as aviation, business administration, electronics, engineering, law and oceanography.

To obtain an application or for more information, click on [www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu), call 1 (800) 883-8724 or write Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 31 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320.

## Start early on college applications

### *ACT release*

College-bound high school students who want to apply to colleges early can take the ACT Assessment on Oct. 28, the next nationwide test date.

The registration postmark deadline is Sept. 22. Late registration postmark deadline is Oct. 6 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can also register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$23 (\$26 in Florida).

A student's ACT scores are considered by colleges for admissions and course placement, along with several other important factors including high school GPA, college prep courses taken in high school, extracurricular activities, personal background and other information.

To learn more about the ACT Assessment, including registration forms and

test locations, contact your high school counselor or go to the ACT website. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

Seniors who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors and sophomores can also take the exam and use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and retake the exam at a later date.

Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

There are four sections to the ACT Assessment: English, reading, math and science reasoning. The exam is designed to measure a student's academic achievement and the appropriate course level for college placement, and to provide students with information to help with educational and career plans.

## ITT Tech announces three new programs

### *ITT release*

INDIANAPOLIS — ITT Technical Institute, Tucson, announced Sept. 1 that it has begun enrolling students in three new associate's degree programs — Computer and Electronics Engineering Technology, Computer Drafting and Design, and Information Technology/Software Applications & Programming.

The CEET program of study is designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills in both electronics and computer technology at the systems level and includes subjects such as digital electronics, computer networking and programming.

The CDD program focuses on teaching design and three-dimensional visualization through a variety of design and drafting software.

The IT/SA&P program of study teaches students how to perform technical tasks associated with software application development and its modification. Through classroom and laboratory experiences, students are exposed to a variety of information of software scripting, programming languages, database development and other related technical subjects.

"The development and introduction of these three new programs of study was in response to the emerging employment opportunities in the fields of information

technology," said Robert Hammond, director of ITT Technical Institute. "Additionally, to accommodate the needs of working adults, full-time students enrolled in these programs will attend classes three days per week."

The Tucson ITT Technical Institute offers associate's degree programs in Electronic Engineering Technology, Computer-Aided Drafting Technology, Information Technology/Computer Network Systems, Information Technology/Software Applications & Programming, Computer and Electronics Engineering Technology and Computer Drafting and Design.

The campus, located at 1455 West River Road in Tucson, is operated by ITT Educational Services, Inc., a leading provider of technology-oriented postsecondary degree programs. ESI operates 68 ITT Technical Institutes in 28 states which primarily provide career-focused, degree programs in fields of technology to more than 27,000 students. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind., ESI has been actively involved in the higher education community in the United States since 1969.

For information on any of the programs offered by ITT Technical Institute, call Linda Lemken, director of recruitment, at (520) 408-7488 or click on [www.itt-tech.edu](http://www.itt-tech.edu).

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**Check out *The Fort Huachuca Scout* on the Internet.**

**<http://huachuca-www.army.mil/PAO/1Scout.htm>**



# Five fruits, vegetables per day reduce risk of cancer

By 1st Lt. Ronna Winn, R.D.  
RWBAHC PAO

Are you tired of trying to keep up with the “latest” advice on nutrition, disease prevention, weight loss and energy boosts? You might be surprised to learn that the evidence supporting a diet high in fruits and vegetables is stronger than ever, and has shown clear benefits for all of these purposes.

In support of a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center is promoting the National 5-A-Day campaign of the National Cancer Institute, Sept. 10-16.

## What can a diet high in fruits and vegetables do for me?

Listed below are just a few of the most popular reasons to include a minimum of five fruit and vegetables in your daily diet.

### — Protective benefits of fiber

Fiber is an important part of everyone’s diet, including children’s, to prevent constipation and keep bowels healthy. A diet consistently low in fiber has been linked to an increase in diverticulosis and colon cancer. The American Dietetic Association recommends 20-35 grams of fiber per day for adults and “age + five” grams of fiber for children at least three years old.

### — Control of high blood pressure

For years physicians and health care providers have warned people with high blood pressure to “watch their salt.” We now know that sodium is only part of the process that contributes to high blood pressure. Recent research from the National Institutes of Health has shown that exercise plus a diet rich in calcium, magnesium and

potassium are just as important, or even more important than sodium restriction alone, to lower blood pressure. Dietary Approached to Stop Hypertension (DASH diet) recommends a minimum of eight servings of fruits and vegetable per day to help lower blood pressure.

### — Naturally low in fat and cholesterol

Almost all fruits and vegetables are naturally low in fat and high in fiber, and contain no cholesterol. They can play a delicious role in any weight loss and weight maintenance meal plans.

### — Great choices to decrease risk of cancer

Fruits and vegetables are an important, perhaps the most important, weapon in the prevention of many types of cancers. Many of the leading causes of death in our country are diet-related. Antioxidants are nutrients such as vitamins C, E and beta-carotene that slow oxidation. (That’s the process whereby cells are injured and can cause disease.) They are the early processes of cancer and a diet rich in fruits and vegetables are rich in antioxidants. Note: These nutrients are best absorbed in their natural state as original food, not pill form.

### What counts as a serving?

You might be getting more than you think when you compare your own intake to the serving sizes listed below. Each serving counts as one choice, with a goal of at least five servings per day. If your portion sizes are large enough, ask yourself if you’re choosing these foods often enough.

- 1 medium piece of whole fruit (about the size of a baseball)
- 3/4 cup of 100% fruit juice
- 1/4 cup of dried fruit, such as raisins or apricots
- 1/2 cup of raw or cooked vegetables, such as steamed

carrots or broccoli

- 1 cup of raw or leafy green vegetables, such as romaine lettuce or spinach leaves
- 1/2 cup cooked beans or peas, such as lima beans or black-eyed peas

### How can I improve my diet?

— Change gradually, focusing on one habit or one meal at a time for several weeks until it is second nature. Then make a second change. For example, strive to improve lunch choices each day by including a salad or adding a piece of fresh fruit, and then focus on vegetables with the dinner meal.

— Keep fruits and vegetables handy, “out of sight is out of mind.” If you don’t have the time or inclination to spend in preparation and clean up, consider dried fruit, baby carrots, or ready made salad mixes on your weekly shopping list.

— Try to make vegetables and whole grains your main entrée in place of meat for at least two dinners per week. This will help you to increase your fiber consumption, and lower fat and cholesterol choices.

— Reduce soda from diets as much as possible. Substitute with low fat milk, 100 percent fruit juice (especially calcium fortified), water or sugar-substituted drinks.

— And don’t forget the back to school lunches! Fresh or canned fruit is a convenient “grab and go” snack for the lunchboxes and after school snacks. Dried fruits and nuts also pack well and make a delicious, healthy snack. Their higher fat content is offset by a healthier unsaturated fat, and a rich supply of magnesium and vitamin E.

The Nutrition Care Clinic of RWBAHC can be reached at 533-5133 to schedule an appointment with a dietitian.

# Moving? Your TRICARE benefit goes with you

## TRICARE release

Military families are accustomed to change. But one constant in their lives is their TRICARE coverage. It goes with them anywhere in the world.

A move to another region for TRICARE Prime enrollees simply means that they must change primary care managers.

If there are no military treatment facilities in the service member’s new location, active duty personnel will use the TRICARE Prime Remote Program to obtain access to primary care from civilian providers.

Family members can call the TRICARE regional toll-free number to learn if TRICARE Prime is available. If not, family members will be covered by TRICARE Standard.

If they will not be using Prime, they will need to disenroll after their move. “Doing it after the move helps ensure that if they have a medical problem while traveling, they can call the PCM who knows their medical history, or a health care finder at the toll-free telephone number in their home region, and get advice or authorization for care,” states Air Force Lt. Col. Loretta Bailey, a TRICARE Management Activity representative.

Family members of active duty may select a new PCM by contacting the nearest TRICARE service center to complete the transfer and to change providers. They will receive a new TRICARE enrollment card and local health care information.

The enrollment transfer is effective as soon as the contractor receives the completed PCM application from the beneficiary. If family members take no action to change PCMs, they will remain enrolled to their former PCM, which can result in expensive point-of-service charges.

Retirees and their eligible family members pay enrollment fees, so there are minor differences in moving with TRICARE for these beneficiaries. They can transfer their TRICARE Prime enrollment from one region to another without paying an additional enrollment fee. To select a new PCM and transfer their enrollment, they can call the contractor in the gaining TRICARE region, or visit the TSC closest to their new home. The enrollment transfer is effective when the contractor receives the completed paperwork.

Retirees and their families may choose to disenroll from TRICARE Prime at any time. Since enrollment fees are not reim-

bursable, they should arrange to make quarterly payments if they anticipate a move to an area without TRICARE Prime. If the enrollment fee is not paid, the enrollees will be disenrolled.

While the number of transfers of TRICARE Prime enrollment within the same region are unlimited, the number of region-to-region transfers are limited for retirees to two changes per enrollment year as long as the second move is back to the original region of enrollment.

When eligible family members live in a different region than their military sponsors, they may split enrollment between regions and only pay one enrollment fee.

If beneficiaries have an emergency while traveling, they should go to the closest hospital emergency department, then report the treatment to their PCM or HCF within 24 hours.

The TRICARE National Mail Order Pharmacy (NMOP) is completely portable, and is a good option for those who anticipate they will need pharmaceuticals while traveling.

The retail pharmacy benefit may not be portable to some regions because of certain restrictions between TRICARE

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## RWBAHC offers monthly asthma classes

### MEDDAC release

The Department of Defense/Veterans’ Administration Asthma Clinical Practice Guidelines have been implemented at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center. This program is supported throughout military medical facilities and was kicked-off by a satellite broadcast from Fort Sam Houston, Texas in which the RWBAHC asthma action team attended.

Asthma Patient Education classes are scheduled on the third Thursday of every month at 2 p.m. in the Health Center classroom on the 3rd floor. Self-referrals are encouraged; call central appointments at 533-9200, or ask your primary health care provider for more details. Individuals with asthma as well as family members are encouraged to attend.

The class includes age-specific educational materials, a 25-minute video entitled Adult/Childhood Asthma - a self management program, the new American Red Cross Asthma Basics booklet, peak flow meters, and practice/demonstration on the Aerosol Inhalation Monitor to ensure proper use of metered dose inhalers.

# Unit leaders can improve judgment with decision-making strategies

By James E. Moffett, Sr.  
UOPhx Professor

Satisfied with your management decisions? Want to improve? You can! Many University of Phoenix students have benefited from applying a few simple decision-making steps — and today’s military leaders, officers and NCOs, should be reminded of the same valuable steps.

Several management scholars have examined improving managerial judgment. Foremost among them is Dr. Gary Dessler. In his book, “Management: Leading People and Organizations in the 21st Century,” he presents his guidelines for improving ones judgment which always create lively in-class discussions and are well suited for unit training sessions and officer calls.

**Increase your knowledge.** The more we know about the issues confronting us, the easier it is to make decisions. Take the time to get the required information. This could also mean attending a seminar, taking mission-oriented training, or obtaining your degree.

**De-bias your judgment.** Be as objective as possible when analyzing, arbitrating, and making decisions. Rise above personal biases and erroneous stereotypes to achieve more objective decisions. Strive to be as objective and fair as possible.

**Be creative.** Be original and innovative in your approach to problem solving. Put on that “thinking cap.” Call in your coworkers. Brainstorm. Starburst. Build consensus. The adage, “two heads are better than one” still holds true.

**Use your intuition.** While logical reasoning has its place, don’t forget your “gut” feelings. Always check your “gut gauge,” because it’s based on sound experience and knowledge. A successful Major Command Chief of Staff once advised all incoming officers to always listen to their gut feelings.

**Decisions are not final.** Except for the catastrophic results of running a red light, most other decisions aren’t as absolute. Follow a systematic decision-making process by collecting your pertinent facts, understanding

up-front assumptions, evaluating, and selecting the alternative which best fits your organization’s mission model. Even long-term decisions are “adjusted.”

**Make sure the timing is right.** Timing is everything. Your mood and state of mind affect your decisions. Always consider your emotions in decision making. In Dr. Dessler’s words, “sometimes it’s best to just sleep on decisions.” Your subsequent perceptions might be well changed.

These are the steps to better judgment. Courageously applied, they will help you blaze your path to better mission and personnel-focused decisions. Remember, good judgment is a single leadership quality among many.

Strive to improve all your leadership qualities such as listening, interpersonal communication, motivational techniques, and energizing personnel-recognition programs. The results will be amazing.

*(Editor’s note: Moffett teaches management and decision making. For more information about these courses, call the University of Phoenix at 459-1093.)*

## No local firefighter hiring occurring

USDA Forest Service release

As fire activity has increased across the western United States, the Coronado National Forest has been receiving numerous inquiries from citizens with interest in helping out.

In many cases, people have been interested in being employed to assist the firefighting efforts.

The Coronado National Forest does not have any hiring programs related to the national firefighting effort. Employment as a wildland firefighter requires specialized training and the ability to pass stringent physical fitness requirements.

In some years, the Coronado National Forest will hire additional personnel to assist in support related jobs such as providing transportation, supplies, etc.

Due to the recent rains, the active fire season for Southeastern Arizona has nearly ended and it is unlikely that the Coronado will hire support personnel this season.

The Coronado National Forest has sent significant numbers of local regular personnel to assist the firefighting efforts throughout the

west. This has included fire engines, firefighters to work on the fireline and numerous support personnel.

In addition to 60 local Forest Service personnel assisting the firefighting efforts, personnel from Northwest Fire, Rural Metro, local office of the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management, Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge and State of Arizona personnel are also assisting.

These individuals have all been trained for their specific assignments and meet requirements established under the federal Incident Command System that is used to oversee firefighting efforts.

Although there are no local hiring opportunities, individuals can get information on hiring for other areas by contacting the Automated Temporary Employment Program at 1-877-813-3476.

Another source of information on providing help and assistance and fire information in general can be found by clicking on <http://www.nifc.gov>. This website is provided by the National Interagency Fire Center located in Boise, Idaho.

## Animal Control teaches dog training techniques

City of Sierra Vista release

The Sierra Vista Animal Control Facility, in cooperation with Rocky Boatman of the Arizona Canine Academy, offers a program to individuals interested in becoming dog trainers.

This program was developed in May 1998 with two goals in mind: to correct negative behavior and reinforce positive behavior in the unwanted dogs in our community; and to help train those who would like to train dogs professionally.

Since the program’s inception, 46 students have assisted dogs at the animal shel-

ter. Each student was responsible for training three dogs per day, and approximately 150 dogs have received training while living at the shelter.

During the first six months of 1998, the shelter received 568 dogs of which 195 were adopted. During the first six months of 1998, the shelter received 584 dogs of which 278 were adopted.

This training program is one of the reasons why the number of adoptions has increased substantially.

For information, call Rocky Boatman at 378-1926 or Wayne Kaiser at 458-4151.

## DoD attacks Ecstasy drug use

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — What drug comes in tablets, makes “painful” realities go away and is popular among hedonistic young people today — including some service members?

The answer is an illegal “designer” drug called Ecstasy, also known as “Adam,” “XTC,” “Clarity” and “Essence,” among other street names. Its use by service members increased markedly in fiscal 1999, and that’s a concern to the Department of Defense,” said Army Col. Mick Smith, science and testing officer of DoD’s Office of the Coordinator for Drug Enforcement Policy and Support.

DoD has tracked Ecstasy and service members’ use since the early 1990s. “Our primary concern was that this was a popular drug in Europe, and we had service members stationed there,” Smith said. DoD mandated service-wide random testing for Ecstasy in 1997. “Ecstasy use is still not as prevalent as use of marijuana or cocaine.”

Ecstasy is the common name for 3, 4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, a synthetic, psychoactive drug. It has no medical value and cannot be prescribed legally, Smith said. The drug is mostly manufactured in secret labs in the Netherlands and Belgium, with worldwide distribution arranged by organized crime. Most people who use Ecstasy range in age from 14 to 25, with 18 being the most common age, he said.

When ingested, Ecstasy is quickly absorbed into the user’s bloodstream, Smith

said. It goes to the brain and causes a massive release of a natural chemical called serotonin.

“Serotonin is a chemical that makes us feel good, so the Ecstasy user feels euphoria and a heightening of his or her senses,” he said. “The user will also experience in-

creased heart rate, increased energy level and may hallucinate.” One “hit” of Ecstasy, which can cost up to \$30, may last four to six hours, he added.

However, Ecstasy has a dark downside not readily apparent to the “invincible” young people who use it.

“Recent scientific evidence has shown that even small amounts of Ecstasy damage the nerve cells that produce serotonin and cause permanent brain damage,” Smith said. “Users become depressed and suffer

from memory loss. Some chronic users become permanently depressed.”

Smith notes that Ecstasy has been popular since the late 1980s among young people overseas, particularly in Europe. The drug has become a signature of youthful crowds that dance all night in packed, overheated clubs called “raves.” The drug has crossed the Atlantic in force: U.S. hospitals participating in the Drug Abuse Warning Network reported that Ecstasy-related emergency room incidents increased nationwide from 250 in 1994, to 637 in 1997, to 1,142 in 1998.

Ecstasy abuse can be dangerous. “Users taking too much Ecstasy may become dehydrated, have elevated temperature,

Recent scientific evidence has shown that even small amounts of Ecstasy damage the nerve cells that produce serotonin and cause permanent brain damage...Next year, DoD will implement a better screening process in its random drug testing program that will be more sensitive and identify more Ecstasy users.

Col. Mick Smith

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# Army Signal Command

## Syracuse University recognizes ASC resource manager

By Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes  
ASC PAO NCOIC

Maintaining operational readiness after a decreasing budget of more than \$700 million is only part of a financial success story that was recognized by Syracuse University during a graduation there, Aug. 9.

Bruce W. Dockter, assistant chief of staff, Resource Management, Army Signal Command, was presented the Leonard F. Keenan Memorial Award during this year’s graduation ceremony for the Army Comptroller Program at the University in Syracuse, NY.

Dockter has made major contributions to defense resource management while serving as a budget analyst at FORSCOM, as the budget officer of the U.S. Army Commercial Communications Office, as the program/budget/manpower officer of the Army’s Information Systems Command, as the deputy chief of staff resource management of the Information Systems Command and as the director of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G8, for the Army Signal Command, according to Larry McKenzie, chief of management and manpower division, Army Signal Command and who nominated Dockter for the award this spring.

Dockter is widely known for his depth of knowledge and experience in the resource management arena, according to McKenzie. He was sought out by the Army to participate on the resource management committee for the Army’s 1996 reorganization of its signal mission assets, and on the Department of Defense’s DMRD 918

Implementation Team. His technical competence and leadership led to an innovative partnering and reporting system with the DFAS-Seaside Defense Finance and Accounting Operating Location as they were established.

He has collaborated with senior-level MACOM and HQDA leaders to resolve resource issues with Army-wide impact, such as the Army’s leased long-haul communications shortfall, according to the nomination by McKenzie.

“I think we have developed here a first class, award winning Resource Management organization recognized throughout the Army. I have been part of that as the G8, and before that the deputy to the Deputy Chief of Staff Resource Management for Information Systems Command,” said Dockter.

“I think my selection by the Army leadership for this award, along with the others our workforce has received, just enforces our belief that we have one of the most professional and competent resource management shops in the Army,” said Dockter.

As strategic planning develops for today’s Army and continues shaping it for the future, comptrollers throughout the Army must develop ways to improve support to the war fighters and create more awareness to improve commanders and the public of our financial requirements, according to Dockter.

Recently, 12 additional people within the Army Signal Command’s Resource Management have won De-

partment of the Army level awards along with other national and departmental levels. This year Maureen Kelly, staff accountant, received an award from the Comptroller of the Army as the outstanding Civilian Accountant below major command level.

“Mr. Dockter is driven to excellence and inspires his workforce to achieve the same high standards.

“With his oversight, his command has had seven consecutive years of zero-balance unliquidated obligations and has won numerous Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management & Comptroller accounting awards.

“When he was the command’s budget officer, the communications-electronics investment funds went from a 46 percent first-year obligation rate to an unprec-



ASC photo

Bruce W. Dockter

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will have a “Spirit Day”. Students and staff will dress in the school colors (blue and gold), free popcorn will be provided after lunch and a general assembly will be held to celebrate the month’s activities.

The theme for September is Bully-Proofing followed with Safety and Drug Awareness in October. Coss has been teaching the students a school song. We look forward to its debut at the Sept. 27 assembly.

Pedrego, school counselor, has initiated a Peer Mediation Group. She held her first training sessions Sept. 6 and 7. The students and the teachers are excited about this program. Creative Spirit, a general inservice provided for all district staff in August focused on positive discipline and gave us all many techniques to try in order to teach better choices.

**Upcoming events:** Book Fair is set for

today through Wednesday, 2:15-4 p.m. except on Thursday, 1:15-4 p.m.

School pictures will be taken Wednesday. Bring your smiles.

Cochise County Fair - Sept. 27-30

We are looking forward to another year of teamwork, parent involvement and communication with our community. Johnston School welcomes volunteers and visitations from the community. To arrange a visit, call the office at 459-8798.

If your child is absent, call the school office to notify us at 459-8798 or Parent Link at 515-0293.

Lunch tickets may be purchased every day from 8:00-10:00 in the cafeteria. Cafeteria can only sell lunch tickets up to 31 days at a time. If you wish to eat lunch with your child, please call the school office before 9:00 to order a lunch.

Johnston Jaguars are collecting soda pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Send pop tabs to school with your child. The pop tabs may be deposited in the plastic jars in the main hall.

#### Smith Middle School

“We are off to a terrific start to the new school year. In the six schools I have worked in, this has been the smoothest, and most positive start of a school year that I have experienced,” said Casey O’Brien, principal. “My hat’s off to our great staff and super students.”

“We are fortunate to have added some great new staff members this school year. A.R. Jones is our attitude/behavior adjustment teacher; Jacqueline Wilson-Bradley is our new 8th grade language arts teacher.

“With our dynamic staff and your sup-

port, I am confident that Smith Middle School will continue to maintain our reputation of academic and extracurricular excellence.”

**Upcoming events:** Picture Day is scheduled for Sept. 21.

The library opens at 7:45 a.m. daily and is open at lunch and after school. Students may also come to the library during school hours if they have a pass. All students may borrow up to two books, which are due two weeks after checkout date and may be renewed. They may also borrow magazines in protective envelopes for a shorter time period. Any reference books they borrow are due the next school day.

If you are interested in volunteering, call the office and leave a message at 459-8892. Also Site Council Representatives are needed for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

### Ecstasy from Page 8

have a drop in blood pressure, have a seizure, and die,” Smith said. “There have been numerous reports of young people dying after Ecstasy use.”

Each 300 milligram Ecstasy tablet contains about 75 to 150 milligrams of the drug, often mixed with other chemicals, Smith said. The tablets may be branded with logos such as butterflies, lightning bolts, zodiac signs, stars and clovers.

The president’s Office of National Drug Control Policy reports that most Ecstasy comes from Europe, but noted re-

cently that the Drug Enforcement Administration seized five clandestine Ecstasy labs in the United States in early 1999.

The U.S. military takes service members’ drug abuse seriously. It uses education and deterrence — most notably in the form of random urinalyses testing — to reduce drug demand within its ranks, Smith said. These efforts continue to be successful, he said, pointing to the relatively low number of service members who are testing positive for illegal drug use.

DoD conducted 2,273,998 urinalyses in fiscal 1999, according to Smith. Mari-

juana positives were 12,006, cocaine positives were 2,839, methamphetamine positives were 807, Ecstasy positives were 432, and lysergic acid diethylamide — LSD - positives were 325.

Additionally, the Defense Department has worked for three years to develop a better drug test, Smith said.

“Next year, DoD will implement a better screening process in its random drug testing program that will be more sensitive and identify more Ecstasy users,” he said. “DoD has also been working with law enforcement officials to track and

identify sources of supply and regions where Ecstasy use is most prevalent. The largest recent increase in use has been in the Northeast.”

Using Ecstasy violates Article 112-A of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Smith said. The article outlaws the knowing use of any illegal drug in the military. Drug users are subject to punitive discharges, prison or both.

“Many drug users believe that they will not get caught, but when they do get caught in a random drug test, the consequences are harsh,” he concluded.

Bear from Page 1

“He’s moving around a little,” “He’s climbed higher into the tree,” and “I think it’s asleep.” During all this activity, word of the situation began to spread across the installation resulting in a steady flow of sightseers who, apparently unaware of the dangerous situation (a 250-pound unhappy, hungry, thirsty, treed, adult male brown bear) would walk up to within 15-20 feet of the tree to take a picture or just stare at the creature above them.

The situation remained unchanged all day ... the bear sleeping in the treetop and the gawkers taking photographs or just looking. Then, shortly before sunset, Military Police began to clear the area of all spectators.

At approximately 6:40 p.m., a radio call from an MP patrol reported the bear had begun to move around in the treetop. All patrols were advised not to make contact with the bear once it was on the ground, and if necessary, use only their

headlights to scare the creature away. By 7:05 p.m. it was all over. The MP patrol supervisor announced over the radio “the bear has vacated the area.”

A few minutes later, personnel from the fort’s game management division and Military Police patrols began a complete check of the area resulting in no sighting of the now freed bear.

Things you can do to avoid a bear

- Always make your yard less attractive to bears by keeping food and garbage unavailable to them. Make sure the lid on your trash can is on tight and secure.
- Never leave food out for your pets.
- Do not intentionally feed wildlife, bears or any others. Once wild animals look to man as a food source, they are on the road to future conflict. Wildlife and people can lose. The U.S. Forest Service has a saying, “a fed bear is a dead bear.”
- If confronted by a bear, the first

rule is stay calm and do not run or make any sudden movements when you are out in the open away from a protective structure or if the bear is extremely close. Remember that all bears can run extremely fast.

Remain facing the bear and back away slowly. If you can safely get to a vehicle or any other secure structure, it is advisable to do so. Allow the bear plenty of room to escape. Bears that feel threatened, or those with cubs, can pose the greatest threat to your safety. Make loud noises to scare the bear away.

— Be aware that coming between a bear and her cubs is very dangerous. If you encounter a bear, always try to detect the presence of cubs and maintain a safe distance from both.

— If attacked by a bear, it is usually best to fight back with all means available. Attacking bears have been driven away when people have fought back.



Photo by Stan Williamson

**The brown bear spent 15 and a half hours treed at Quarters #1.**

Recognition from Page 9

edented 99 percent obligation rate.

“In recognition of his typically high levels of achievement, ASA (FM&C) named Mr. Dockter as the Comptroller/Deputy Comptroller for 1996 at the MACOM and above level,” said McKenzie in the nomination.

“His contributions to defense resource management include active support to the Army Information Systems Command’s conversion of its direct Operation Maintenance, Army-funded Army Information Processing Centers and Software Development Centers to fee-for-service operations, and their subsequent absorption into the Defense Business Operations Fund. In addition, he’s been active in supporting FORSCOM’s and the Army’s Activity Based Costing initiative, dedicating

several of the command’s cost analysts to that groundbreaking effort,” McKenzie added.

Each year the University’s School of Management recognizes a past ACP graduate who has demonstrated personal leadership, technical competence, and dedication to excellence and significant contribution toward improving DoD resource management.

Dockter, who graduated in 1977 while serving in the FORSCOM’s comptroller’s office, is the third graduate from his class to receive the award. One classmate, retired Army Lt. Gen. Roger Thompson, former budget officer for the Army, has also received the award.

The Army sends 10 civilians and 15 officers each year to the School of Man-

agement Course at Syracuse University. During the 14-month course, approximately three weeks focuses specifically on Army specific issues.

The purpose of the Comptroller Course is to provide a multi-disciplined financial and resource management overview to officers newly assigned to the comptroller career field.

The course blends current Department of Defense and Department of the Army management practices with the latest in academic management techniques. It gives graduates the capabilities to operate within the current environment and the skills necessary to be more effective and efficient in the future.

“The course gives you a sense of forward thinking, planning and exposes you

to the latest in financial theory and creates a financial network,” said Dockter.

The course is divided into four general learning objectives, with learning being accomplished through lectures, discussion groups, group projects, and simulations.

The four learning objects are: understanding the financial/resource management environment, understanding financial management, understanding resource management, and understanding financial/resource management operations

The Leonard F. Keenan Memorial Award commemorates a former deputy comptroller of the Army who sought to raise the quality of professionalism and foster excellence among Army civilian comptroller careerists.

Updates from Page 5

BRT announces 6th season

“Last of the Red Hot Lovers” will open BRT’s sixth season on Oct. 6. Season tickets are \$56 for seven entries to any of the main season or summer productions.

Tickets are available from BRT at P.O. Box 504, Bisbee, AZ 85603. For information, call 432-3786.

Federal jobs workshop

The Fort Huachuca Army Career and Alumni Program is offering a monthly Federal Jobs Workshop on Oct. 13.

The workshop covers how to find out about federal job vacancies, how to apply, what forms to use, how selections are made, federal pay scales, veterans preference, and the types of civil service appointments.

The Resumix scannable resume used to apply for jobs at Fort Huachuca will be explained in detail.

Workshops are held in the ACAP Center, Building 22420 (next to the Military Clothing Sales) in the Old Post area. No

reservation is necessary. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call Thom Hapgood at 533-7314.

Craft vendors needed

Vendors are being sought for Col. Johnston Elementary School’s Christmas Craft Bazaar fund-raiser Nov. 4 at Johnston’s school cafeteria.

The bazaar is searching for vendors of homemade crafts — no commercial or food item vendors please. Vendors may purchase a six-foot table for \$10. Johnston will not charge any percentage of the vendor’s sales at the bazaar.

Application forms/contracts may be picked up at Johnston Elementary School outside the office, and deadline for registration/paying of fees is Oct. 15.

For information, call 459-4297 or 458-0713.

Major promotion board

Department of the Army Promotion

Selection Board is scheduled to convene on or about Oct. 24 to consider Judge Advocate General’s Corps captains for promotion to major.

Officers eligible for consideration have the following active duty dates of rank: Above the Zone, Feb. 28, 1994 and earlier; Promotion Zone, March 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; and Below the Zone, April 1, 1995 through Nov. 30, 1995.

In order to be eligible for consideration by the board, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R) no later than Oct. 17. Exceptions are governed by para 1-33d, AR 600-8-29.

Only original evaluation reports will be processed. Machine reproduced or electronically transmitted copies will not be accepted.

For information, call Mrs. Velazquez at 533-3267.

Captain promotion board

Department of the Army Promotion Selection Board is scheduled to convene on or about Nov. 7 to consider Army Competitive Category first lieutenants for promotion to captain.

Officers eligible for consideration have the following active duty dates of rank: Above the Zone, March 31, 1999 and earlier; Promotion Zone, April 4, 1999 through March 31, 2000.

In order to be eligible for consideration by the board, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R) no later than Oct. 31. Exceptions are governed by para 1-33d, AR 600-8-29.

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# Creation or evolution?

## Free public forum set for Sept. 22 at Buena

By Katie Salwei  
Special to The Scout

Hear expert scientific evidence for both theories of our origins at a free Creation or Evolution? Forum open to the public on Sept. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Buena High School Performing Arts Center in Sierra Vista.

On the evolution side, Dr. Geoffrey A. Clark, anthropology professor at Arizona State University, teams up with Derrick Neill, science teacher at Sierra Vista Middle School.

On the creation team are Dr. Donald B. DeYoung, chairman of physical science at Grace College in Indi-

ana, and Frank J. Sherwin III, assistant to the president at the Institute for Creation Research in California.

The forum will be led by Dr. Randall H. Groth, dean of the University of Arizona South, and questions from the audience will be presented to the speakers by John Moeur, managing editor of the Sierra Vista Herald.

To explore the subject more deeply, a Creation Science Seminar will be offered free of charge on Sept. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Sierra Vista, featuring DeYoung and Sherwin.

The seminar will answer such questions as: How do scientists determine the age of the earth? Does the fossil

record support creation or evolution? Do new discoveries in genetics support human evolution? Is creation really a science? You may register for morning and/or afternoon sessions.

Finally, learn about creation and the Bible at a Community Church Service with Sherwin on Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. at the bandshell in Veterans' Memorial Park in Sierra Vista. The service is hosted by Pastor Patrick Lazovich with music from the Calvary Chapel Praise Band. All are welcome.

For more information about these events or to register for the seminar, call 458-2273.

### Moving from Page 7

contractors and applicable state laws. If beneficiaries need pharmaceuticals, they should contact the HCF in their home region for guidance.

The TRICARE contractor in the area where they are traveling or moving to may not have the same network pharmacies as their home region, although some retail chain pharmacies may be the same.

Beneficiaries may have to pay for pharmaceuticals up front at certain civilian pharmacies, and later file a claim for reimbursement.

“If beneficiaries do have to pay ‘out-of-pocket’ for pharmaceuticals, we advise them to immediately complete a claim

form, and, if necessary, seek assistance from a health benefits adviser, a beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator, or a representative at a TRICARE service center,” said Army Lt. Col. William Davies.

“It is important that these forms be filled out completely and correctly to expedite reimbursement.”

For more information about TRICARE, call a TRICARE service center or a health benefits adviser at a military treatment facility. Information also is available on the Military Health System/TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

### ‘Check out’ best sellers at post library

#### Library release

The following books are listed on the *New York Times* Best Sellers list and are currently available at the Fort Huachuca Library.

#### Fiction

*Nora, Nora*  
*The Brethren*  
*Stalker*

*Flags of Our Fathers*  
*The Art of Happiness*  
*In a Sunburned Country*

#### Nonfiction

*In the Heart of the Sea*  
*Tuesdays with Morrie*  
*Me Talk Pretty One Day*  
*The Greatest Generation*

#### Children’s

*Harry Potter & The Chamber of Secrets*  
*Harry Potter & The Sorcerer’s Stone*  
*Harry Potter & The Prisoner of Azkaban*  
*Oh, the Places You’ll Go!*  
*The Little Prince*

### Honors from Page 3

until 1966. He was a Mason and a Shriner and belonged to several veterans organizations.

Audie Murphy was killed in a plane crash on a mountaintop near Roanoke, Va. on May 28, 1971. Fittingly his body was recovered two days later, on Memorial Day.

#### Dr. Mary E. Walker

In the truest of form of United States Army ideals and American patriotism, Dr. Mary E. Walker is the only woman in United States history to receive the Medal of Honor.

She became one of the first woman phy-

sicians in the country in 1855. At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 Dr. Walker applied for a commission as an Army surgeon but was turned down because of her gender. She served in Washington as an unpaid volunteer in various camps and a hospital for Indian troops.

Meanwhile, she was instrumental in establishing an organization, which aided needy woman who came to Washington to visit wounded relatives. She served as a field surgeon on a volunteer basis, rendering assistance at tent hospitals in Virginia.

She was finally appointed as an assis-

tant surgeon and assigned to the 52d Ohio Regiment. With immense courage and bravery rarely matched, Dr. Walker demonstrated her firm belief in the American cause at the greatest personal risk.

She consistently discounted personal injuries and great hardships to complete the mission. She was captured and a prisoner of war for four months before being freed in a prisoner exchange.

Through her actions, Dr. Mary E. Walker set the standards for helping to improve soldiers’ quality of life for generations to come.

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